

THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: NRO Executive Committee

Mission J-1012 made two passes over Cuba, one over the Havana area and one over a portion of Oriente Province.

I have directed that two enlargements of the photography be prepared for presentation to the meeting. It is to be noted that exceptionally good photography was obtained in the Havana area. Photography of the eastern end of the island was less satisfactory because of cloud cover.

By coincidence a U-2 mission was flown over the Havana area on the same day as the J-1012. For comparison purposes I have had a board prepared of photography obtained by the U 2.

By examination of these boards the NRO Executive Committee, the Thompson committee dealing with NSAM 311 and the 303 Committee could make a judgment of:

- a. Difference in the resolution of the KH-4 and the U-2 photography;
- b. The extent to which weather, which is unpredictable in Cuba, causes a deterioration of KH-4 photography;
- c. The extent to which KH-4 photography can meet intelligence needs on Cuba.

I feel that mission J-1012 gives us all the information that might be gotten from J 1014 and raise the matter at this Executive Committee to determine whether the suggestion in Secretary Vance's memorandum with respect to 1014 should be withdrawn.

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NRO review(s) completed.

